

MOBILE - U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner, R-Alabama, today announced that he will host his first Academy Night on Monday, October 6, 2003. The event, scheduled to run from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., will be held in the Dunlap Auditorium of UMS-Wright School in Mobile.

Bonner will be on hand at the event to welcome representatives from the five United States service academies and speak to the parents and students in attendance about the academy admissions process. The United States Military Academy, the United States Naval Academy, the United States Air Force Academy, the United States Coast Guard Academy and the United States Merchant Marine Academy will each have representatives on hand to talk with interested parents and students about the criteria and qualifications for admission.

"Working with young people who aspire to attend our nation's fine service academies is one of the most enjoyable aspects of my job as congressman, and I look forward to the opportunity to work with each of them to see they each achieve their goals," Bonner said. "I encourage anyone interested in admission to one of our five academies to take advantage of this event and come to meet with academy representatives to learn more about the admissions process."

For more information about this event, please contact Dixie Patrick, Bonner's academy coordinator, at 251-690-2811 or 800-288-8721.